

Today

A Middle-aged Husband.
A Buried Wife.
Why Which Kills Which.
The Toad's Head Jewel.

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For light Sabbath reading, let us journey to Waukesha, where the story is.

Like a jewel in the toad's head, there is a strange vibration of beauty in the withered heart of Dr. Roberts, the veterinary surgeon whose elderly wife was killed by an excitable young school teacher.

Our population, the middle-aged part, especially interested in that which is near by, talks of Mrs. Roberts and the school teacher more than of all the strange doings in Russia, China and Japan.

Dr. Roberts, middle-aged husband, veterinary surgeon by trade, Lothario by compulsion, wrinkles on his face, folds on his chin and waistcoat, is at this moment the most interesting man in America to the millions of middle-aged ladies whose lives are dull at best.

At first he seemed the treacherous enemy of middle-age, for he had played the fool with a young school teacher, and his poor wife, trying to keep him and going to make a pitiful appeal to the younger woman, was shot dead for her pains.

In court, "Dr." Roberts suddenly changes. With the young school teacher staring him in the face, crying out, "Is" and "dog," the elderly husband proceeds, as he puts it, "to defend Mrs. Roberts' memory."

We are such stuff as much is made of, and especially when we are past fifty our hearts are easily and strangely touched.

Poor Mrs. Roberts is buried in the ground, killed because she tried to keep the unimportant man to whom she had become attached.

And, although she is not there to praise him or to know it, he now defies the psychological school teacher, defies the hisses of the crowd, and, according to his own poor ideas, does what he can to defend his wife's memory by denying that anybody could have taken him away from the said wife, except by bounding him.

The pathetic thing is that if Mrs. Roberts, like the mother quoted by Charlotte Bronte, could "under the moles hear that" she would be delighted, almost content to be shot, since it resulted in having the doctor get up in court, before the whole of Waukesha, and say that he did not leave Mrs. Roberts, even though the school teacher insisted. In such a case one Prince of Wales married himself, but Waukesha is far from Marlborough House.

Amos Cummings, a great newspaper man under Charles A. Dana, used to say, "If a dog bites a man, that isn't news. But if a man bites a dog, that is news."

This strange Waukesha case is news, because things are turned upside down, as in the case where the man bit the dog.

The lady that is wronged is shot. The "old fool" who tormented his poor wife, and made her unhappy to the point of death, now comes to her defense, praises her, says he would have remained faithful if left alone. His one idea is to stand by the poor, old dead wife, although she can't hear him and the psychological young school teacher is there to glare and scratch.

It is, as you may have heard, a queer world.

There is an answer to all questions, even to "Why are we foolish?"

You have wondered why a man buttons his coat with the right hand and a woman the left hand.

Primitive man always had a baby on her right arm; it was busy—she nursed the baby two or three years in the old days. That made her left hand do the buttoning.

Primitive man had a shield on his left arm to protect the heart side from attack. That left his right hand free to do the buttoning.

Similarly you ask why it is that when a modern savage is jealous of a woman he kills the woman—instead of killing the man that made the trouble. And why a modern savage woman, jealous of a man, instead of killing the man, kills the other woman.

We answer: Primitive man was nearly always jealous of a man, bigger and stronger than himself, with bushier whiskers and a larger club. He was not able to kill the man, so he killed the woman and split them both.

Primitive woman, on the other hand, jealous of some younger red-haired woman across the valley, went out and killed the woman with a sharp stone.

She could not afford to kill the man, because she needed him to bring back meat for herself and the children.

Roberts, poor, repentant veterinary surgeon, Mrs. Roberts vindicated, but too late, lying out in the churchyard—and the psychological school teacher prevented by court etiquette from scratching her middle-aged cave man—they are all reproducing what happens in caves and trees in ancient Lemuria, which makes them interesting.

Keep In Mind All the Time This Is

WEATHER:

Partly cloudy tonight;
Monday gentle to moderate
south winds. Temperature
at 11 a. m., 70
degrees.

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SLAYERS OF WERRES SAY WOMAN KNEW CRIME PLAN

Army Deserters Repeat Confession to Virginia Sheriff, Each Continuing to Blame Other for Fatal Blow.

In a second confession, Charles S. Gamble and Robert Newman, deserters from the Marine Corps encampment at Blenheim, Md., have cleared up today the last tangled threads of the murder of John P. Werres, whose body was found yesterday three-quarters of a mile west of Alexandria county court house, in Fort Myer, Va., after a twenty-four hours' search by the police, in which they were aided by the two men and "the woman in the case," Mrs. Harry Butters.

The new point involved in the second confession, made late last night, is that after having knocked Werres unconscious and dragged him into the roadway and beaten him again as he revived, the two soldiers carried him over the bank and fifty yards back into the thicket, where they set upon him again with an iron bar, as he showed returning signs of life.

In a panic of fear, they beat Werres' head to mutilation. Planned When Sober. Both admit they had planned, with the girl, on the possibility of having to commit murder, and that they were sober at the time the crime was committed.

The only point on which the men disagree is to who struck the last blow as they attacked Werres on the lonely embankment at the midnight hour. Gamble says Newman did it. Newman says Gamble did it. Meanwhile, they are not at all certain that it was the last blow struck which caused the death of the Government employe and jittery driver.

Their Latest Versions. Following are the statements made by both Gamble and Newman to Sheriff Fields, these statements agreeing in every respect except the one mentioned: "Werres took us out riding in his machine on Thursday evening. The machine was with us. We made a date with him to take us out again Friday night."

"After we returned to the hotel Thursday night and were left in the three of us planned to get a car some way and leave this part of the country."

"We told the girl we would take her with us, and that we would get an automobile if we had to kill somebody to do it."

"On Friday night about 8 o'clock Werres came for us again and drove (Continued on Page 2, Column 1.)

L. A. MURCHISON,

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TWO WOMEN AND A MAN—TWO DIFFERENT STORIES



MRS. ALICE KNIGHT JOHNSON, Richmond woman for whose mysterious death her husband, engaged to another girl, is being tried.

Washington today is reading with unusual interest the outcome of two cases vastly different, in which two women and a man form the eternal triangle.

In the little city of Waukesha, Wis., Grace Lusk, a teacher of psychology, awaits the verdict of a jury before whom she probably will relate the story of why she shot Mrs. Roberts, wife of the man with whom she had fallen in love. She tried to take her own life after firing the fatal shot at Mrs. Roberts, and wept when she failed.

Down in Richmond, Dr. Lemuel Johnson, a successful young dentist, listens while the State submits its evidence in an attempt to show that he killed his secret bride. She died from the effects of poison, which, the prosecution will contend, was contained in a capsule which Johnson gave her.

Miss Lusk admits killing her rival for the love of an unattractive man. Dr. Johnson admits nothing.

Both are fighting for liberty or life.

In the Old Dominion, justice of Virginia's sons sometimes disregard the statutes of man as written, and decide cases as they see them. Penalty for murder is death.

In the comparatively new Middle West, unimpeachable justice follows closely the word of the cold written laws. The penalty for murder there is life in prison.



MISS GRACE LUSK, Teacher of psychology at Waukesha, Wis., on trial for the killing of the wife of the man she loved.

PRESIDENT WANTS NO LIMIT ON SIZE OF AMERICA'S ARMY

FATE OF DENTIST MAY BE DECIDED BY FLIMSY RAG

PLEA FOR LOYALTY OPENS CAMPAIGN OF RED CROSS

500 SINN FEINERS ARRESTED IN PLOT TO START REVOLT

RICHMOND, Va., May 19.—A square of white linen, crumpled and soiled by much handling, may prove the connecting link in the chain of evidence the commonwealth is seeking to wield about Dr. Lemuel J. Johnson, the young dentist on trial here charged with the murder of his secret bride.

It is a gift's handkerchief that the commonwealth is trying to offer as evidence. Counsel for Johnson vigorously opposed admitting the article as evidence, on the grounds that it had no connection with a motive for the murder, on December 15 last, of Alice Knight Johnson, the secret bride of the young North Carolina dentist.

The kerchief in question bears the initials "OW" and the commonwealth contends it was the property of Miss Ollie White, the girl in Johnson's home town of Middlesex, N. C., to whom they claim he was engaged, although married to the Richmond girl.

While Johnson remains in the city jail here today, Judge D. L. Richardson, who is sitting on the case, is considering whether or not to admit it as evidence when Court reconvenes Monday morning at 9:30.

Argument over the admissibility of such evidence was precipitated yesterday when Detective John F. Wiley, of Richmond, took the stand to tell of the circumstances surrounding the arrest of Johnson in a Wilson, N. C., sanitarium, where the defendant had been taken after attempting suicide by swallowing poison at a Wilton hotel.

Wiley told of finding several letters in the hotel room Johnson occupied where he swallowed the poison, and the handkerchief, he said, was in Johnson's suitcase.

Would Offer Letter. One of the letters, which began "Dearest Sweetheart," the Commonwealth wishes to offer to substantiate its theory that Johnson murdered his secret bride because he loved Miss White.

Harry M. Smith, of counsel for Johnson, argued that the letter bore no date other than that on the envelope. (Continued on Page 21, Column 5.)

NEW YORK, May 19.—President Wilson, after a good night's rest in his suite in the Waldorf, arose at 9:15 this morning and enjoyed a hearty breakfast. He attended the morning services at the Brick Presbyterian Church, Fifth avenue and Thirty-seventh street. He will leave for Washington tonight.

NEW YORK, May 19.—Branding all German peace proposals as "insincere," President Wilson last night called upon America to make war to the utmost limit of its resources and man-power.

The war must be won "greatly and worthily," he said. There must be no limit to the size of the American army. Every ship must be used, laden to capacity.

He said he had tested all German peace proposals, and found them insincere.

President Wilson began speaking at 9:30 after prolonged applause. He was introduced by Cleveland H. Dodge, who announced that the President walked in the parade this afternoon at his own suggestion. The entire audience arose and amid an uproar demonstration "vowed allegiance to the President of the United States."

"I have heard people say we must get five million men ready. Why, why limit it to five million?" said the President and the crowd cheered. The President announced that he intends to stand by Russia as well as France.

The Speech In Full. The President's speech in full follows: "Mr. Chairman and fellow countrymen, I should be very sorry to think that Mr. Davidson in any degree curtailed his exceedingly interesting (Continued on Page 2, Column 1.)

LONDON, May 19.—More than 500 persons have been arrested in various parts of Ireland, in connection with the alleged Sinn Fein revolutionary plot, according to a Dublin dispatch published by the Evening News.

DUBLIN, May 19.—Military and police officials are working quietly and effectively today to conclude the measures taken for suppression of the latest alleged pro-German revolutionary plot.

More than 500 persons are in custody and arrests are continuing in all parts of the country. The action of the authorities was a complete surprise and utterly dumfounded the alleged plotters. No resistance has developed and very little excitement accompanied any of the arrests.

Now Under Arrest. All executives of the Sinn Fein are now under arrest. A number of arrests were made in Kilkenny, Drogheda and Dundalk.

The Irish Parliamentary Party has been summoned to discuss its situation.

All Sinn Fein members of the Imperial parliament are reported to have been arrested. They include Edward de Valera, president of the Sinn Fein; William Cosgrave, Joseph McGuinness, and Count George Plunkett.

Others under arrest are Arthur Griffith, founder of the Sinn Fein; Countess Markievicz, who was condemned to death for participation in the Casement rebellion, then commuted to life imprisonment, and finally liberated under the general amnesty; Darrell Figgie, Her-Mellows, Dr. Richard Hayes, Dr. John Dillon, chairman of the United Irish League (Continued on Page 21, Column 2.)



DR. DAVID ROBERTS, Waukesha horse doctor, who says the school teacher made love to him, and who now defends his dead wife, and says he never intended to desert her.

THE STRANGE WAUKESHA CASE

WAUKESHA, Wis., May 19.—"Cattle Breeds and Origins."

When Grace Lusk, gifted teacher of psychology, put the hobbies of commerce on Pegasus and wrote the book thus entitled for Dr. David Roberts, inventor of "pink pills for pale cattle," she also wrote his complete alibi.

And Pegasus, his wings once more freed, must have laughed an earthly horse laugh yesterday when the title of the book was flung into the sensational trial as the prime motive of the favored romance that led to the slaying of Mrs. Mary Newman Roberts.

From the witness stand Dr. Roberts, holding Grace Lusk to the world as a love-mad woman who hounded him with her violent passions, declared that it had not been for "Cattle Breeds and Origins" Grace Lusk never would have had the opportunity to lure him from his respected position as the county's leading horse doctor, nor drag him into the spectacular love tangle that ended with the killing of his wife.

U. S. AVIATORS DECORATED AS AERIAL PATROL KEEPS FOE OFF

Ceremony Follows Sudden Air Battle in Which American Flyer Downs Two Planes in Flash.

LONDON, May 19.—Field Marshal Haig, in his official report today, states that there were several minor successes successfully carried out northwest of Ypres. Other things quiet on the west front.

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY IN PICARDY, May 19.—American soldiers are being sent from the English Channel to the Swiss border.

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY IN PICARDY, May 19.—A German aeroplane dropped a dozen bombs about an American field hospital yesterday. All physicians and patients such as were able to walk sought refuge in an American trench.

Increased aerial activity north of Toul and in Lorraine, and fighting limited to reconnaissance and intermittently active artillery fire were reported by Pershing's May 17 communiqué, just made public. It also amplified earlier details of American aviators' bravery on May 15 and 16 and listed names of several designated for French decorations.

Text of Statement. The communiqué said: Section A—Today fighting was limited to reconnaissance and intermittently active artillery fire. There was increased aerial activity north of Toul and in Lorraine.

Section B—Further details concerning bringing down hostile planes reported May 15 and 16 are as follows: American aviators were waiting at one of our large aviation fields for the commanding general of the French army who was coming to confer decorations on the following officers:

Names of Officers. Capt. James Norman Hall, Capt. David Mack, Peterson, Lieut. James A. Meisner, Lieut. Edward V. Rickensacker, and Second Lieut. Charles Chapman. Of these Captain Hall was lost, and Lieutenant Chapman killed in combat over the enemy territory. All these pilots have shot down enemy aircraft as well as performed gallant and meritorious acts. While waiting for the ceremony to commence, Captain Peterson made an ascent and brought down two hostile planes, as previously reported. The following particulars are now added: The planes were sighted by Captain Peterson, flying at 4,000 meters in single file toward our lines. Captain Peterson swung in behind them at 3,500 meters and attacked the rear plane, firing fifty rounds.

Dived 300 Meters. The hostile plane dived vertically 300 meters and broke into flames and fell.

Captain Peterson was meanwhile attacked by the second plane from the front. He was attacked from above, firing seventy-five rounds. The hostile plane threw out a cloud of smoke and attempted a sharp turn, but slipped. The wings folded up and one fell off as the plane fell. Both planes were brought down about eight kilometers behind the hostile lines.

After the hostile planes were brought down, the ceremonies proceeded before a guard of honor composed of one infantry company, one French infantry company, and a band. Planes of the local aviation group lined up on the field. The decorations were conferred in the presence of the French army group commander, American army group commander, and other distinguished officers.

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WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS, W. Va., May 19.—(Special telegraph.) The White Sulphur Springs, West Virginia, Over-night from Washington, D.C.